

2006 ELECTION

COUNCILMEMBER KAHULUI



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Joseph "Joe" Pontanilla was born and raised in Puunene. Joe attended Puunene School, Baldwin High School, Maui Technical School, Maui Community College, and West Oahu College. He completed duty in the United States Army.

Joe resides in Kahului with his wife Charlotte (Rulona). They have raised two children, Jon (Christy DeRego) and Michelle (Ryan Suzuki). They presently enjoy 3 grandsons.

After 34 years with GTE Hawaiian Tel, Joe retired in 1997 as the Maui Manager.

Joe has served on numerous boards and commissions including Child and Family Services, Maui United Way, County of Maui Salary Commission, Maui Planning Commission and was a former Maui County Fair Director. He remains active with the Maui Mental Health Association, Kahului Lions Club, Cameron Center, Kahului Federal Credit Union, Korean War Veterans Maui No Ka Oi Chapter 282, Maui Economic Opportunity and Maui Waena School Community Council.

In 2002 voters elected Joe to the Maui County Council representing the Kahului District. During his first term, he served on seven committees and was Chairman of the Housing and Human Services Committee. In 2004, Joe was re-elected and currently chairs the Public Works Committee. Joe's primary focus includes: core services (public safety, fire and police protection), economic and workforce development, education, transportation, infrastructure and affordable housing. Joe works closely with the Public Works Department to assure that our infrastructure (solid waste, wastewater, highways, recycling, etc.) needs are met and capital improvements are done.

Councilmember Pontanilla considers it an honor to serve the citizens of Maui County.